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TO : Chief, Foreign Branch "M"  
FROM : Chief of Station, Heidelberg, Germany  
SUBJECT: General: CAMISADE-WEBB Project

Specific: U.S. Civilian Recruited to be Mr. WEBB

NOTE: This report deals with the CAMISADE-WEBB operation, in which it is planned to have a U.S. representative in the role of the notional Mr. WEBB, meet a Russian officer selected by CAMISADE's Russian case officer. The last report on this subject was BSC/Ops/168.

1. Coinciding with the return of the notional Mr. WEBB from a fictional tour of temporary duty in Amzone, an American has been selected who should suitably fill the requirements for a Mr. WEBB. The American, Mr. K. R. HAYES, is a civilian who has recently been employed by Berlin CIC. Until the closing of the U.S. Army Study Center (American University of Berlin), Mr. HAYES was an instructor there. In addition, he has been giving lectures in American Literature at the U.S. Information Center for Germans in Berlin. As yet he has not become identified with CIC, and he could, if necessary, maintain for some time a cover of university instructor.

2. Mr. HAYES was recruited by us for this project with the full knowledge and cooperation of Berlin CIC. It was, as a matter of fact, the commanding officer of Berlin CIC who suggested him to us as a likely candidate for the role. Mr. Hayes has been fully briefed by us on the attitude of political philosophy he will have to adopt in playing this part, and has been warned that the possibility of physical danger later in the game cannot be eliminated. He has expressed himself most willing to accept any passing dangers to life, limb, and reputation.

3. Mr. HAYES is not a trained intelligence officer. He holds a master's degree from the University of North Carolina in German, has, as noted above, been teaching in Berlin, and was during the war with the 6th Armored Division. His knowledge of German is excellent. He possesses a lively curiosity and a quick mind, being well acquainted with the jargon of left-wing political thought. In security awareness, due to his lack of training, he leaves a great deal to be desired, but it is believed constant briefing and the clandestine atmosphere in which he will conduct his Russian meetings will soon inculcate in him more desirable security habits.

4. A meeting between CAMISADE and HAYES, in the role of Mr. WEBB, has been scheduled for 1030 hours, Tuesday, 14 October 1947. Mr. HAYES will be furnished the undersigned's car in which to meet CAMISADE in front of the Marmor Haus Theater on Kurfürstendamm (British Sector of Berlin). CAMISADE was told to inform his Russian case officer of this meeting in time for them to arrange to place it under surveillance. Their surveillance of the meeting, it is hoped, will identify HAYES with WEBB in their minds.

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5. It is contemplated that HAYES' pretense of being Mr. WEBB will not stand up under prolonged examination by the Russians. On the whole, it is believed this is for the best. It seems unlikely the Russians in any event honestly believe Mr. WEBB to be a completely factual figure; they more likely consider WEBB to be a cover name for an intelligence officer. Consequently, if all goes well, we plan eventually to let HAYES admit to his Russian contact that his name is not in fact WEBB. He will then take them into his confidence, identify himself as HAYES of the American University, who, because of the dim view taken by the U.S. authorities in such matters, had covered himself by assuming an alias in his dealings with the Russians. In effect, he will be using his true identity as a second cover to conceal the fact that he is an intelligence officer. He will admit that his true motivation in seeking the friendship with a Russian officer is his feeling that the future security of the world depends on American understanding and affection for the Russians. He feels that although the Russian government has made some mistakes, so has the U.S. government, and indeed all governments.

Field Comment: All facilities available to SC Berlin are being used to check CAMISADE's honesty in his reporting on this operation. His accounts of the Russian attitude toward the WEBB affair are not being taken at their face value, and insofar as possible they are being checked at every step.

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